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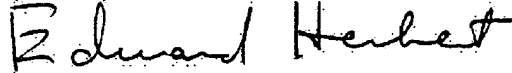
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Re: Serial Number: 10/708,843
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Response to the office action mailed 11/08/2005.

Dear Examiner Mai;

I have reviewed the above office action. Because there are only two independent claims in the application, I believe that I can add another independent claim without a fee. Accordingly, in response to your item 3., I am adding new claims 7 and 8. Claim 7 is claim 4 written in independent form and claiming all the limitations of claim 1. Claim 8 is claim 5 modified to depend upon claim 7. A copy of the claims follows.

However, I respectfully disagree with the rejection of claim 1 and claims 2 through 5 that depend from claim 1.

Claim 1 claims, in part (underscoring added for emphasis):

the ends of the plurality of "U" shaped sheet metal windings extending from the laminated primary winding as stepped terminations that are successively stepped so that each one of the plurality of "U" shaped sheet metal windings has an